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For: SPLITTABLE MULTICOMPONENT  
ELASTOMERIC FIBERS

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In The Claims:

17. (Twice amended) A fiber bundle comprising a plurality of bulked plastically deformed non-elastomeric microfilaments substantially surrounding and covering from view in an unstretched condition a plurality of elastomeric microfilaments that are shorter than and less bulky than said non-elastomeric microfilaments, said elastomeric and non-elastomeric microfilaments originating from a common multicomponent fiber having elastomeric and non-elastomeric components, wherein said elastomeric polymer has a solubility parameter ( $\delta$ ) sufficiently different from said non-elastomeric polymer so that said elastomeric component and said non-elastomeric component split upon thermal activation and further wherein the weight ratio of the non-elastomeric microfilaments within the fiber bundle is substantially identical to the weight ratio of the non-elastomeric component within the multicomponent fiber.

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28. (Twice amended) A fiber bundle comprising a plurality of bulked plastically deformed non-elastomeric polypropylene microfilaments substantially surrounding and covering